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Dear Mr. Bonafilia:

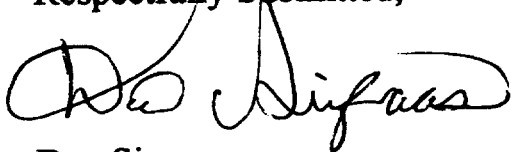
Arctic Circle Air Service, Inc. objects to the request of Frontier Flying Service for a waiver to select provisions of the Rural Service Improvement Act (RSIA) of 2002.

To allow such a waiver to be granted virtually on the eve of the RSIA implementation makes a mockery of the entire RSIA and the reasons for its existence. Frontier Flying Service has been involved in, and is knowledgeable of the requirements of the RSIA, and like all the other carriers that will be affected by the act has had the same amount of time to strategize and prepare for it.

Obviously the free market system has been at work and unfortunately for Frontier Flying Service it did not favor them. To now grant a waiver in markets that for what ever reason they were unable to gain market share would be a complete disservice to the other carriers that have met the needs of the people as well as the requirements of the RSIA.

Arctic Circle Air Service, Inc. strongly urges the Department of Transportation and the Postal Service to deny the petition of Frontier Flying Service, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Singaas", written in a cursive style.

Don Singaas
Director of Operations

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